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Short Title: Retread Tire Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Unknown.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ENSURE USE OF COST EFFICIENT RETREAD TIRES ON STATE
VEHICLES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-249.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-249.1. Purchase of tires for school buses; repair or refurbishment of tires for school buses.

(a) Definitions. – The following terms apply in this section:

(1) Critical tire information. – Tire brand name, tire line name, tire identification numbers, load and pressure markings, tire size designation, service descriptions such as load and speed ratings, and other information and specifications placed on the original tire sidewall by the original tire manufacturer.

(2) School bus. – A vehicle as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)d3. and G.S. 20-4.01(27)d4. that is owned, rented, or leased by a local board of education.

(b) Forensic Tire Standards. – In order to preserve critical tire information, a local board of education shall procure and install for school buses only tires that possess the original, unaltered, and uncovered tire sidewall. Furthermore, a local board of education shall not execute a contract for the repair or refurbishment of tires for school buses that provides for the removal, covering, or other alteration in any manner of the critical tire information contained on the original tire sidewall.

(b1) Retread Rubber Formulation Specifications. – Contracts for school bus tires executed on or after July 1, 2012 shall not include any specification for retread rubber formulations.

(b2) Use of Pre-Cure Fuel Efficient Rated Retread Tires.- Contracts for school bus tires executed on or after July 1, 2012 shall include specifications requiring pre-cure fuel efficient rated retreaded tires, as certified by the retread rubber manufacturer.

(c) Tire Purchase and Contract Standards Applicability. – All contracts for the purchase, repair, or refurbishment of tires for school buses, or contracts for the purchase of products or services related to the repair or refurbishment of tires for school buses, executed on or ~~after the date this section becomes effective~~ July 1, 2011 shall comply with the provisions of this section.



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(d) Exemption. – Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a local board of education that owns or has a legally binding contract in place for the future purchase of tires having altered or covered sidewalls prior to ~~the date that this section becomes effective~~ July 1, 2011 shall perform its existing contractual obligations related thereto and may continue to use those tires on school buses for the useful life of the retreaded tire."

SECTION 2. G.S. 143-63.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-63.2. Purchase of tires for State vehicles; repair or refurbishment of tires for State vehicles.

(a) Definitions. – The following terms apply in this section:

(1) Critical tire information. – Tire brand name, tire line name, tire identification numbers, load and pressure markings, tire size designation, service descriptions such as load and speed ratings, and other information and specifications placed on the original tire sidewall by the original tire manufacturer.

(2) State vehicle. – Any vehicle owned, rented, or leased by the State, or an institution, department, or agency of the State, that is driven on a public road consistently at speeds greater than 30 miles per hour.

(b) Forensic Tire Standards. – In order to preserve critical tire information, the Secretary of Administration and any institution, department, or agency of the State shall only procure and install tires for State vehicles that possess the original, unaltered, and uncovered tire sidewall. Furthermore, neither the Secretary of Administration nor any institution, department, or agency of the State shall execute a contract for the repair or refurbishment of tires for State vehicles that provides for the removal, covering, or other alteration in any manner of the critical tire information contained on the original tire sidewall.

(c) Tire Purchase and Contract Standards Applicability. – All contracts for the purchase, repair, or refurbishment of tires for State vehicles, or contracts for the purchase of products or services related to the repair or refurbishment of tires for State vehicles, executed on or after ~~the date this section becomes effective~~ July 1, 2011 shall comply with the provisions of this section.

(d) Exemption. – Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the State or any institution, department, or agency of the State that owns or has a legally binding contract in place for the future purchase of tires having altered or covered sidewalls prior to ~~the date that this section becomes effective~~ July 1, 2011 shall perform its existing contractual obligations related thereto and may continue to use those tires on State vehicles for the useful life of the retreaded tire."

SECTION 3. The Division of Purchase and Contract shall not extend its current contract for retreading of tires beyond the 90 day time period allowed under the contract.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.